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From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1754

14 December 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

According to ABRAM's[ii] advice an employee of TIME, Inc., Richard LAUTERBACH, a concealed FELLOW COUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYAK][iii], has returned here from the USSR. They proposed to him that he write a series of anti-Soviet articles, but he refused declaring that if they insisted he would resign. ABRAM recommends drawing him in. SERGEJ[iv] has set about studying LAUTERBACH (henceforth "PA"). Please rush a check and telegraph your opinion. No. 959.

Supplement to our no. 946. DZhON[v] and AMUR[vi] we propose to hand over from ALEKSEJ[vii] to ABRAM. Telegraph consent.

No. 960
13 December.

MAJ[viii]

Comments:

- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] ABRAM: Jack SOBLE.
- [iii] ZEMLYAK: Member of the Communist Party.
- [iv] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN.
- [v] DZhON: i.e. "JOHN," unidentified.
- [vi] AMUR: i.e. "CUPID," unidentified.
- [vii] ALEKSEJ: Anatolij Antonovich YAKOVLEV.
- [viii] MAJ: i.e. "MAY," Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.

6 November 1968